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**EXAMINING GROUP RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 1632**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Sidransky and Baylin                      Art Unit: 1632  
Application No.: 09/225,904                      Examiner: Anne Marie S. Wehbe  
Filed: January 5, 1999  
Title: METHOD OF DETECTION OF NEOPLASTIC CELLS

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Final Office Action mailed on December 11, 2002.

The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from March 11, 2003 to June 11, 2003.

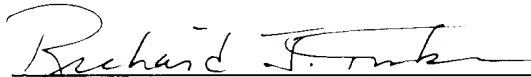
CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, June 10, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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Enclosed is Check No. 538390 in the total amount of \$1,140.00; which consists of \$320.00 for the Notice of Appeal fee and \$820.00 for the Three (3) Month Extension of Time fee (\$930.00 minus \$110.00 PAID with our response filed 4/10/03, which equals \$820.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge for any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 10, 2003



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